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Rush for COVID Test

Health Department plans Sero survey in Mysuru

People stand in a long queue waiting for their turn to undergo swab testing this morning at the Rapid Antigen Testing Centre set up at Town Hall premises in city.

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (RK&BCT)- People braved hot sun this morning and stood in a long queue in front of the Town Hall where Rapid Antigen Tests were being conducted to identify COVID-19 infected persons and to check the spread of the disease.

Serpentine queue was witnessed and people had come from various parts of the city to get themselves tested. Before the tests were conducted, the contact details of the people were noted down so that they can be informed if they are carriers of the virus. Tests were being conducted by healthcare personnel wearing personal protective equipment.

As of 1 pm today, over 350 samples were collected and tested. Results of Rapid Antigen tests are immediately available and those who test positive have two options — either go for home quarantine or get admitted at any COVID Care Centre. Every day the tests will be conducted from 10 am to 3 pm.

Sero survey: Meanwhile, Seroprevalence surveys or Sero surveys will be conducted in Mysuru soon, confirmed District Health authorities. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has already undertaken its second national-level Sero survey to find out the extent of the virus' spread in the last eight months.

A team of Health Department officers and Zilla Panchayat personnel is putting in place a plan of action to conduct the survey. This will be a random sample survey to assess the presence of antigens and antibodies present in a target population. The survey is expected to provide data to assess if there is community transmission and if the trend towards herd immunity has begun.

The survey uses serology tests to identify people in a population or community that have antibodies against an infectious disease. Antibody test results are especially important for detecting previous infections in people who had few or no symptoms. It is not known yet if having antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19 can protect someone from getting infected again, or, if they do, how long this protection might last.

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	951
Total positive cases	:	14,880
Discharges yesterday	:	645
Total discharges	:	10,656
Deaths yesterday	:	20
Total deaths	:	381
Total active cases	:	3,843

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RANGE OF SANITIZERS AND HANDWASH
BREAK THE COVID-19 CHAIN

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 27th August 2020

CET qualified students can submit documents online from Sept. 2

Bengaluru, Aug. 27 (DM)- Just a couple of days after the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) announced the results of Common Entrance Test (CET-2020) for admission to Under Graduate professional courses such as Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Yoga and Naturopathy, Veterinary Sciences (barring Medical and Dental courses) in colleges of Karnataka, the Authority on Monday said that all qualified students can upload the necessary documents to it online starting from Sept. 2 till Sept. 27.

In a press release issued on Monday, the KEA said that the qualified students should upload their documents only through online in the PDF format by selecting the appropriate link notified by it on its official website, the details of which will be issued shortly.

The students are required to upload details only on the date bracket mentioned according to the CET rankings, the release said. For details, visit KEA website: *http://kea.kar.nic.in*

SCHEDULE	
Date	**Ranking**
Sept. 2 and 3	1 to 2,000
Sept. 4 to 6	2,001 to 7,000
Sept. 7 to 9	7,001 to 15,000
Sept. 10 to 12	15,001 to 25,000
Sept. 13 to 15	25,001 to 40,000
Sept. 16 to 19	40,001 to 70,000
Sept. 20 to 23	70,001 to 1,00,000
Sept. 24 to 27	All ranks commencing from 1,00,001 till the last rank

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

INDESTRUCTIBLE INDIAN: ***The good news is that even as the Coronavirus is raging like a wildfire throughout the country, which has the third highest case-load of the disease in the world, India's mortality rate from the pathogen is very low compared to most other places. The not so good news is that this may be due to the fact that, at some point or other in our lives, many if not most of us may have been exposed to infection from tuberculosis (TB). Doctors say that because our bodies have had to fight off TB, our immune systems have been boosted to this effect, with the result that we may be less likely to succumb to COVID-19 than people who live in less disease-prone countries. While polio has largely been eradicated, diseases like malaria are still rampant in India, which is also besieged by seasonal ailments such as dengue. To make matters worse – or better? – our health facilities for the most part are hopelessly inadequate, and in many rural areas totally non-existent, so our bodies have had to train themselves to rely on their own inner resources to combat illness. Our daily food is adulterated and contains harmful additives. Fruit and vegetables are coloured with harmful dyes to make them look fresh, and grain stored in government godowns has officially 'permissible' quantities of rat excreta. With all the baneful things we have to deal with, the Coronavirus will just have to stand in queue and await its turn.*** — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

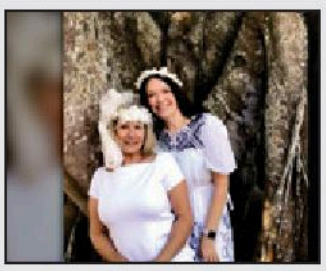
NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist creates beautiful arts using paper strips

London: A 45-year-old artist from the UK has been creating intricate artworks using hundreds of colorful strips of paper.

Artist Bekah Stonefox has been honing her quilling skills for the last five years and has put together quite the impressive collection of artworks, from detailed portraits of imaginary human characters, to animals like dogs, cats and even gorillas. Bekah's most remarkable skill is using various quilling techniques to depict various textures, like the fur on mammals, the feathers on birds, or the skin of reptiles. It almost seems like there is nothing she can't recreate from tiny bits of paper.

Woman marries 100-year-old tree to save it



Florida: In a bizzare wedding that took place between a woman and a tree at Florida last Saturday, the bride, Karen Cooper, married the 100-year-old ficus to save it from being cut down. The ceremony took place at the Snell Family Park in Fort Myers, where the tree resides.

"When I heard the city was planning to cut it down, I was like, 'I don't think so,'" Cooper, 60, a member of the community for 40 years, said.

The tree was reportedly to be chopped down after a request from a developer was approved. Its branches extend into a neighboring lot that's currently on sale for $1 million.

The community had lost multiple trees to last year's hurricane season. "We lost so many trees in Hurricane Irma and for them to cut one down on purpose is terrible," she said. "And this tree is fabulous."

About 80 members of Cooper's community came to the reception to celebrate with her. Cooper had her friend and maid of honor, Ann Cason, stand with her and the ring bearer was a pup named Little Bear.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is better for my brain, a 20-minute yoga session or a 20-minute aerobic workout?

A University of Illinois study revealed that cognitive performance after a 20-minute yoga session was "significantly superior" to that of a 20-minute aerobic exercise workout.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Online Flute Concert by Vid. L.V. Mukund on Aug. 29

Mysuru, Aug.27- As part of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha's ongoing weekly online music concerts, a flute recital by Vidwan L.V.Mukund will be premiered in their YouTube channel on Saturday (Aug. 29) at 5 pm.

Initially groomed by his mother and Prapancham Balachandran, Mukund is one of the prominent disciples of *Padma Bhushana* Dr. N. Ramani.

Being a popular and promising young flutist, he is also a recipient of 'Ganakalashree', 'Sur Manu' and 'Ananya Yuva Puraskar' awards.

He will be accompanied by eminent and senior artistes, Vidushi Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Vidwan H.S. Sudhindra on mridanga and Vidwan Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Music lovers are requested to visit the Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust and watch the programme, according to a press release from Vid. H. K. Narasimhamurthy, Hon. Secretary of the Sabha [Ph: 0821-2512422].

CIIL's online workshop for Hindi and Telugu Teachers next month

Mysuru, Aug.27- National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Manasagangothri, is organising a 5-day online Training-cum-Workshop on Testing and Evaluation for Assistant Professors, Lecturers and Teachers (Higher Secondary, PUC, Junior College) and Research Scholars from all over India and who are engaged in the teaching of Hindi and Telugu Language and Literature, and Linguistics.

The workshop will be held from Sept.7 to Sept. 11 (Hindi) and Sept. 14 to Sept. 18 (Telugu).

For more information, visit NTS-I website *www.ciil-ntsindia.net* and click on Announcement link or write to *conf.ws.nts@gmail.com* or contact Ph:0821-2345112 from 10 am to 5 pm, according to a press release from Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Head, NTS-I.

Really...?

- ***The first book ever written using a typewriter was 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.'***
- ***President Theodore Roosevelt read one book per day.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

An old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg.
"I am afraid it's just old age," replied the doctor, "there is nothing we can do about it."
The old man replied, "my other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.32
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.16
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.23
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Recurring disaster on NH-766 between Mysuru and Nanjangud during monsoons

Sir,

I wish to highlight a recurring disaster on NH-766 between Mysuru and Nanjangud during monsoons (opposite Mallana Moole Mutt), causing disruption and diversion of vehicular traffic days on.

Every year it repeats; last year at high magnitude, this year slightly less. Especially the stretch between Chikkayana Chatra village and Kabini bridge (near Basavanapura) is alarmingly at a low level and flood water naturally inundates the area. To end the menace permanently there are ways; either upping the land surface by minimum 8 feet overall from opposite the South India Paper Mills till the Kabini bridge (around 1.5 kms run) by land filling or constructing an asphalt road along the Rampura nala adjoining the Paper Mills till the river bridge where the surface is already at an appropriate altitude.

As the traffic density is unimaginably high here, with roads deviating several ways from the town (Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar, T.Narsipur, H.D. Kote) leading to inter-State borders, one of the alternatives looks inevitable. Will the Administration give a serious thought on this?

—N. Devarajan

Nanjangud 10.8.2020

State IAS Officers resent FIR against Mysuru ZP CEO

Bengaluru, Aug. 27 (Agencies)- Even as the inquiry into the alleged suicide of Nanjangud in-charge Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. S.R. Nagendra has begun, the Karnataka IAS Officers' Association has said the act of lodging an FIR against Mysuru Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Prashanth Kumar Mishra (now transferred without posting) has brought down the morale of field officers and argued that such acts will deteriorate the administrative efficiency and effectiveness.

While terming the alleged suicide as unfortunate, the Association said it was unjust to hold senior officers responsible for it. Acting on a complaint from Dr. Nagendra's father, the FIR was registered by Alanahalli Police in Mysuru against the ZP CEO under Section 306 of the IPC (abetment to suicide).

"The IAS officers on COVID-19 duty have been working non-stop. This is an unfortunate incident and nobody knows what prompted the doctor to take such a step. To blame an officer for doing his duty is not the right approach," the Association said, urging the Government to stand by its officers who are doing their duty.

Association Secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey said, "Holding Mishra, a 2014 batch IAS officer, responsible for the doctor's suicide is unjust, as he was only implementing the State Government's guidelines to contain the COVID pandemic." Pandey is the State Health Commissioner, who is leading the battle against pandemic since mid-March. Terming Nagendra's death as very unfortunate, Pandey said, "But to blame an (IAS) officer for doing his duty is not the right approach. The insinuations about one's character and media trial cause irreparable damage."

The State Government transferred Mishra from the executive post without further posting, pending inquiry into doctor's tragic death. Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar is holding the CEO's post as an additional charge till further orders.

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"ALLEVIATING APPREHENSION AND FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY REGARDING NON COVID AILMENTS"

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JSS hospital Mysuru has been providing affordable healthcare services to the community with dedication since its inception. Department of GENERAL SURGERY is one of the largest wing functioning in the hospital with dedicated staff including eminent senior surgeons and dedicated workforce with a strength of 26 faculty members. We as a department dealing with various patients that come with array of complications suffering from innumerable surgical diseases have bonded with challenges put on us.

One such great challenge came uninvited is the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic!

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- Director

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Bal Bhavan events

Bal Bhavan Society, Bengaluru, is conducting free online activities related to drawing, handicrafts, clay art, dance-music, drama, yoga and science for children aged between 12 and 15 years. Interested may take part in any one of the event. For details, contact District Jawahar Bal Bhavan or call Ph: 0821-2495486 or Mob: 94489-14794, according to a press release from Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director and Bal Bhavan Secretary.

Last date extended

The last date has been extended to Sept. 5 to apply for admissions to 6th standard in Morarji Desai, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Ekalavya Model, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Indira Gandhi Residential Schools. Applications can be submitted in the above said schools coming under Mysuru district limits. If any of the said residential schools are converted into Quarantine or COVID Centres, applications to such schools may be submitted to the nearest residential school, according to a press release from Social Welfare Department Joint Director.

Tiger's death at Nagarahole: A case of poaching

Forest Department sniffer dog 'Rana' traces scent of poachers

Hanagodu, Aug. 27 (Mahesh &BCT)- The tiger that was found dead in the Kallahalla Range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve on Tuesday was shot dead by poachers. The post-mortem that was conducted yesterday revealed gunshot wounds.

Forest officials said that this was the first such poaching incident involving a tiger in Nagarahole National Park in recent years. The carcass of the tiger was found on Tuesday evening near Tattekere Haadi in the Kallahalla Range of the Tiger Reserve. Poachers had chopped off its forelegs and hind legs and its canines were also removed.

Initially, the Forest Department suspected that the big cat would have died due to territorial fight and some people had removed the canines and chopped off the claws after they

found the body deep inside the forest. But post-mortem confirmed that the feline was indeed shot and bullet wounds have been found on the carcass.

Rana, the German Shepherd sniffer dog at Bandipur Tiger Reserve, was brought to the spot and tracing the scent, the dog landed at a house near the Karmad Gate in Kodagu district on the fringes of the Tiger Reserve. Forest officers found wild animal meat stored inside a room in the house and also found bones of other animals stored in containers. However, the tiger's claws and canines could not be traced.

Though the officials are tight-lipped, sources told *Star of Mysore* that a person by name Satish has been picked up for questioning.

It may be mentioned here that Rana, which was inducted into Bandipur Forest Department to protect the forest from poachers, has been successful in nabbing timber smugglers and poachers by going straight into their houses and thus helping the officials. The poaching incident has prompted high-level officers to visit the spot and a special team has been formed to trace the poachers. Officers are contacting their informers in the tribal haadis to obtain clues about the poachers. Officials said that they have already obtained certain clues and poachers will be nabbed soon.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) - Wildlife Ajai Mishra, Addl. PCCF and Field Director-Project Tiger Jagat Ram, Conservator of Forests Mysuru Circle T. Heeralal and Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Mahesh Kumar visited the spot.

Inter-State conman arrested for cheating city jeweller

Rs. 45 lakh worth gold recovered, one MG Hector car seized

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (KS)- Lashkar Police have arrested a 46-year-old inter-State conman from Kerala on charges of cheating a city jeweller of gold and have recovered Rs. 45 lakh worth gold besides seizing a MG Hector SUV from him.

The arrested conman is S.A. Hameed Ali, a resident of Ali Barkath House, Rehmania Nagar, Muttathody village on Alampady Road in Kasaragod district of Kerala. The city jeweller who was cheated is Inder Chand, proprietor of Sri Mataji Jewellers on K.R. Hospital Road in Lashkar Mohalla here.

According to the press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO) at City Police Commissioner's Office in city, Hameed, during October last year, had opened a jewellery shop at Garadikeri and had done small business transactions with Inder Chand and had gained his trust.

On Oct. 31, 2019, Hameed took a gold ingot weighing one kilogram from Inder Chand by paying little money and left with the gold ingot promising Inder Chand to get the remaining money. But Hameed neither gave the balance amount nor returned the gold ingot following which Inder Chand lodged a complaint at Lashkar Police Station.

Lashkar Police, who had registered a case, took up the investigation and recently arrested Hameed near Emirates Lodge at Kasargod in Kerala. During interrogation, the accused is said to have revealed that he had obtained the gold ingot weighing one kilogram from Inder Chand and had sold 500 grams of the 1 kg gold ingot in Bengaluru and had received money for it.

He has further revealed that the remaining 500 grams gold ingot was broken into 2-3 pieces and was sold to different persons in Bengaluru itself.

Based on the information provided by the accused, Lashkar Police have recovered the 500 grams gold ingot worth about Rs. 25 lakh, which he had sold in Bengaluru and have also seized a MG Hector SUV worth Rs. 20 lakh, which he had bought from the money he had received by selling the remaining 500 grams gold ingot in pieces. The recovered gold and vehicle are estimated at Rs. 45 lakh.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and Geetha Prasanna and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shashidhar supervised Lashkar Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar, Sub-Inspectors Gautham Gowda and Dhanalakshmi and staff Adam, R. Mahadevaswamy, Bopaiah, Ramesh, Vijayakumar, Manjunath and Technical Cell Inspector Lolakshi and staff Manjunath, Kumar, Shyam and Gurudev Aradhya in the nabbing, recovery and seizing operation.

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(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.73 ft
Inflow	1,420 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.93 ft
Inflow	1,033 cusecs
Outflow	1,275 cusecs

Change of names due to conversion to other religion

Talacauvery priest's daughters face problems to claim compensation

Madikeri, Aug. 27 (PS&BCT)- The daughters of Talacauvery Chief Priest Narayanachar and Shantha Achar have not been able to receive compensation from the Government disbursed to the victims of natural calamities due to a technical reason as they have changed their religion after marriage and have changed their names.

The State Government has released a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh to the two daughters of Narayanachar and Shantha Achar. The cheque has been handed over to Namitha Achar and Sharada Achar. Both of them are settled abroad.

After the landslide at Talacauvery buried their parents alive along with three other persons on the midnight of Aug. 5, the daughters arrived at Talacauvery and lodged a complaint at Bhagamandala Police Station stating that their parents are missing. In their complaint, the two daughters had mentioned their names as Namitha Achar and Sharada Achar.

After an FIR was lodged and during the search operation, the bodies of Narayanachar, his brother Ananda Theertha and Assistant Priest Ravikiran Bhat were traced and the family members performed last rites but the remains of Narayanachar's wife Shantha Achar and Assistant Priest Srinivas Bhat could not be traced.

As the bodies could not be traced, Kodagu DC

Annies Kanmani Joy submitted a report to the State Government about the rescue operations at the landslide site including day-to-day activities, number of persons and equipment involved, names of missing persons and their belongings and other such details. In her report, the DC requested the State Government to consider this as a special case and sanction compensation to the families of missing persons.

Following a Government order, Madikeri Tahsildar released the cheque of Rs. 5 lakh (Rs. 2.5 lakh each to Narayanachar and his wife) and the same was handed over to the priest's daughters by Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna.

The cheques were, however, returned to the Bhagamandala Deputy Tahsildar by the priest's daughters who said that they had married 20 years ago and had changed their names to Namitha Nazareth (Namitha Achar) and Shenon Fernandes (Sharada Achar). They requested the Deputy Tahsildar to release the cheques in the changed names as they have the same names in their bank accounts.

The issue was brought to the notice of the DC who directed the Tahsildar to examine the records and take a suitable decision and issue the cheques as they are eligible for the Government compensation.

The State Government has released Rs. 2.5 lakh cheque as compensation to Susheela, the sister of Ananda Theertha. This was objected to by the priest's daughters who claimed that Ananda Theertha was staying with Narayanachar who took care of him for decades. The daughters argued that the compensation granted to Ananda Theertha rightfully belonged to them (Namitha and Shenon) and not Susheela.

Following this development, the DC told the priest's daughters that the compensation will be handed over to those who submit their claims along with valid legal documents.

Degree classes to commence from Oct. 1

Bengaluru, Aug. 27 (KMS &DM)- Ending the uncertainty over the start of First Grade Colleges for the academic year 2020-21 amid COVID-19 crisis, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, on Wednesday said that the new academic year (2020-21) of Degree Colleges will commence online on a full-scale from Sept. 1 and the offline (physical) classes from Oct. 1.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said that following a directive of University Grants Commission (UGC), the State has made all necessary preparations for starting academic activities for the year 2020-21. However, the State is awaiting guidelines from the Centre on the conduct of classes, he said.

Reiterating that all Colleges will re-open in October, he said that once the offline classes start, the students are required to attend them. Pointing out that several final year degree exams will be taking place in September, he said that the State will follow the Centre's guidelines on the conduct of classes in the new academic year.

Noting that the exam for final year students of Degree, Diploma and Engineering Courses are being conducted in September along with the start of the new academic year, Dr. Ashwathnarayan clarified that exams will also be held for backlog students too.

Law exams postponed: Law Minister

Meanwhile, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that all the Law exams from first year to fourth year in Law Colleges coming under the State Law University have been postponed following the demand of students and academic experts.

Addressing a press meet at Vidhana Soudha here yesterday, Madhuswamy said that the Government will decide on the conduct of exams online in October.

Pointing out that the exams of all Semesters from first year to fourth year have been postponed, he clarified that only successful students of the postponed exam will become eligible for admission to the next semester.

Remit SSLC supplementary exam fee by tomorrow

Bengaluru, Aug. 27- The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has extended the deadline for payment of exam fee for SSLC supplementary exam till tomorrow (Aug. 28).

The repeaters can pay the exam fee along with a late fee of Rs.300 till Aug.28.

The KSEEB said that the last date has been extended following a request by students and parents.

Accordingly, the Head Masters of schools must collect the exam fee from repeaters by Aug. 28, remit the money to Banks and report the same to the Board by Aug. 29.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 27- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

JSS Women's College surrounding areas, Muslim Hostel, surroundings of Swimming Pool, Saraswathipuram 4th and 5th Main Road, PSR Complex, Saraswathipuram, New Kantharaj Urs Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

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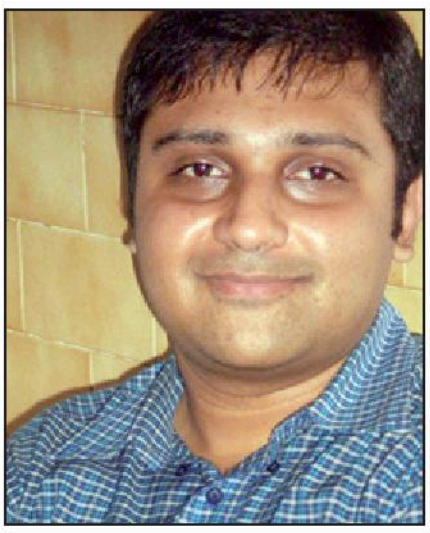
Quarantine Musings

A city doctor's experience



By Dr. Shyam Sarvodey
Paediatrician

A month ago, as we emerged from the lockdown, positive cases began to soar and one fine morning, I received a frantic call from the ER (Emergency Room) to attend to a 54-day-old infant. Being the attending Paediatrician, I fastidiously donned my PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and showed up at the Hospital.

To my horror I found the baby very sick and deteriorating by the minute. I zealously set forth attending to the baby. Within the hour interventions of the team had borne fruit, as the baby seemed to be stabilising.

Once the frenzy in the ER had settled, to my horror I realised I had inadvertently caused a breach in my PPE! I was flippant to what had just transpired until a few days later when I received news that the baby I had treated earlier had tested positive for COVID-19!

I sheepishly realised that I had encountered a 'High Risk' exposure by every count. I was forthwith expected to isolate myself from work and family until my swab test was due one week later.

Though as a family we had derived a consensus regarding responding to a plausible eventuality of someone in our doctor household getting infected, things played out very differently when the situation was actually upon us.

When I explained to my wife about the emerging situation and urged her to move out to live with my parents, at least until my swab test results, she went from a mood of denial and defiance to that of acceptance over the next hour, though not before landing a nasty one on me, " ... would you leave me alone too, in case I turned Positive?" My parents, who too were on the same page as her, finally relented after much cajoling. I fully understood that their brief intransigence was a result of panic and concern for my safety, as I would have to be facing this staying alone.

The next few days of my quarantine period were spent in contemplation of the implication of an unfavourable test result, both on my contacts and myself. I also kept a watch for any semblance of COVID-related symptoms while keeping myself busy attending to routines, making video calls, reading books and watching movies, more to quell the disquietude in my head than to be entertained. I realised that loneliness can make the mind play strange tricks on oneself.

The week had passed by and the day of my swab test had finally dawned. I drove to the swab collection centre situated at K.R. Hospital premises. On arrival, I met with Dr. Savitha, Professor of Paediatrics, MMC&RI, who assigned a junior colleague to accompany me to the makeshift shelter set up as a swab collection centre.

What was evident upfront was the sheer number of patients who were queuing up to give their swabs. The PPE-clad Group-D workers were putting up a struggle to maintain the floundering social distancing discipline of the people lined up.

It was heart-breaking to so see another line with scores of doctors and nurses who were exposed in the line of duty scampering-in to give in their own samples for the test. What impressed me even more was their keenness to return to their clinical duties rather than the outcome of their results.

It caused me great indignation to witness the sordid disdain some of the people in the regular queue displayed towards the prioritised testing for Health Care Providers (HCP). It appeared that irony seemed lost on a few of these trouble-makers, that this was legitimate measure to ensure the speedy return of health care workers to their duties, who would then facilitate the treatment of those very people grumbling in case they tested positive.

Amidst the confusion, the doctors and paramedics nonchalantly went about their swab collecting efforts. Mine was done snappily and an acknowledgement was sent to me via SMS.

I got back home, then began the wait in anticipation for the results. The mood of the gated community wherein I reside had turned sombre as the first reports of a few other residents having turned positive came to the fore. A couple of days later I received a phone call from the District Health Office, I was summarily informed that I was indeed 'COVID Positive.'

Even before I could process the news and its implications, I received a flurry of calls from the administration which included a Counsellor who attempted to assuage my apprehensions. I also received a tele-consult call which went about a detailed questionnaire in order to check the 'Risk Stratification' of my current illness and eligibility for home quarantine.

Once the news was broken to my immediate family members, a pall of gloom descended on them. Though belonging to a family of doctors wherein it was understood that the illness would likely have a benign course in most people with no co-morbidities, its elementary of human nature to over intellectualise situations giving rise to ifs and buts especially when it involves one's own kith and kin.

Over the next few days I had to constantly assuage their fears and anxieties by reassuring them. The irony was stark considering that the one who needed the counselling had turned counsellor!

On the following day, my apartment was barricaded by the authorities and a customary home visit by a doctor was arranged. After examining me I was declared eligible for home quarantine, as I was indeed lucky to have had only mild symptoms. I was handed out necessary instructions accordingly.

Over the next few days there was a regimented monitoring of my well-being which would entail myself maintaining a scrupulous record of my vital parameters (body temperature, oxygen saturation and heart rate) and its appraisal through daily tele-consults. It was very impressive how the administration braced up to the challenges and got their act together.

Food and basic necessities were taken care of by family members and neighbours in the community. The next few days were spent answering phone calls made from concerned well-wishers. My floundering habit of general reading had seen a revival. Subject webinars helped me remain in touch with my profession. By now I had adjusted well to the 'New Normal' in my daily routines.

Likewise I couldn't help but reflect upon the vicissitudes of doctors over the last four months as a result of the pandemic. Detractors of the early lockdown enforced by the Government seldom seem to countenance the benefits of the timely measure which did help in 'flattening the curve' thereby ensuring that our tottering health care infrastructure got enough time to up its game to face the upcoming challenges of the pandemic.

Flitting back to my situation, it was just a matter of time before the final day of isolation arrived and lo and behold, my repeat swab test came negative and was declared cured. The barricades were lifted and thus ended my banishment.

Looking back in contemplation, I can't help but seek a silver lining in all that transpired, borne by the fact that at least the baby I strived to save did manage to survive after a prolonged stormy course at the Hospital.

As I finally resumed my clinical duties alongside scores of many COVID-afflicted HCPs after successfully fighting the disease I couldn't help but appreciate the selfless doctors and paramedics who are out there risking their lives, continuing to strive hard to uphold the highest traditions of this noble profession of ours.

I urge the readers not just to spare a thought but also say a silent prayer for many of my esteemed doctor colleagues who while attending to COVID patients made the 'Supreme Sacrifice' of laying down their life at the altar of duty. My heart goes out to them...!

CFTRI staff undergo swab test

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (RK&SSV)- A swab test began for the staff of Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) here this morning.

It is being jointly organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), District Health and Family Welfare and CFTRI.

Today, 150 staff members have registered their names for the swab test and the rest 250 will undergo in the next round.

As many as 12 Health staff including two to three Doctors are conducting test.

Dr. Shivaprasad, District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Rajeshwari, District Surgeon, Dr. KSMS Raghavarao, Director, CFTRI, Dr. Prakash Halani, Chairman, CFTRI COVID-19 Task Force, Dr. P.V. Ravindra and other officers were present.

COVID Test

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A small sample of people participating in the survey represents a larger population, which could be a community, State, or special population.

Samples would be pooled from among the general population and vulnerable sections such as Corona Warriors, including Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Anganwadi workers, doctors, nurses and other field staff.

If the Sero prevalence is low, then the peak in the number of cases is yet to come. But if the levels are more than 30 percent, it indicates that the cases will reduce in the future, said a Health Department officer.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	155
Total positive cases	:	4,534
Total discharges	:	2,994
Total deaths	:	49
Total active cases	:	1,491

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	51
Total positive cases	:	2,143
Total discharges	:	1,635
Total deaths	:	30
Total active cases	:	467

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	26
Total positive cases	:	1,250
Total discharges	:	992
Total deaths	:	16
Total active cases	:	242

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	154
Total positive cases	:	6,551
Total discharges	:	4,368
Total deaths	:	164
Total active cases	:	2,019

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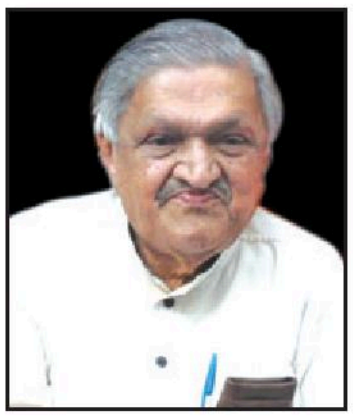
First Kannadiga Mayor of Belagavi Siddanagouda Patil passes away

Belagavi, Aug. 27- Siddanagouda Patil, the first elected Kannadiga Mayor of Belagavi city in North Karnataka, passed away at his Shivabasavanagar residence here yesterday due to age-related illness. He was 87. He is survived by his wife and an adopted son.



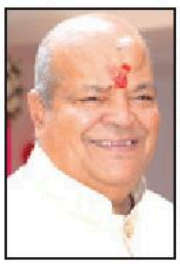
Siddanagouda Patil

Siddanagouda Patil, who entered politics by successfully contesting Belagavi City Corporation polls in 1984, later got re-elected in 1990 and became the first Kannadiga Mayor of the City Corporation in 1991, at a time when the Civic Body was dominated by MES (Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti).

Patil, who also served as a member of Kannada Development Authority for two successive terms, was a vocal Kannada activist of Belagavi region since the 1950s, taking up the cause of merger of Ballari, which was then part of Andhra Pradesh, with Karnataka and other issues concerning Kannada land, language and water.

Obituary

Parasmal Dak



Mysuru, Aug. 27- Parasmal Dak (65), Founder of Paras Prithvi Group, Mysuru and a resident of Buddha Marga in Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday morning at his residence in city.

He was also the President of Akhil Bharathiya Sadhumargi Jain Sangh and Sthanakvasi Sangh, Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening, according to sources.

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Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

You want Wealth or Knowledge?

In popular lore, Lakshmi and Saraswati hate each other. Where there is fortune, there is no respect for education, and where there is education, there is no value for wealth. The courtesan's house was the only place where the two lived together: she was well versed in music and dance and the arts, and was admired by the learned and the rich.

In festivals, the two Goddesses are shown as daughters of Durga. Or, they sit on either side of Ganesha, identified as his two mothers, or his two sisters, or even his two wives, Riddhi (material growth) and Siddhi (intellectual growth). What is most interesting is that the earliest image of Lakshmi comes to us from Buddhist stupas, and the earliest image of Saraswati comes to us from Jain Mathura art, and both Buddhism and Jainism are monastic orders, that frown upon wealth as well as the performing arts.

Saraswati, Goddess of performing arts and learning, is visualised as dressed in white. She holds a veena, or a lute, or an ektara, in one hand. In the other hand, she holds memory beads. She rides a goose (hamsa). The goose is a special animal. In Indian mythology, it is believed to have the ability of separating milk from water.

Thus, it is the symbol of analytical skills, which is necessary for knowledge. Saraswati is said to be distant and aloof. She doesn't care for anyone. It is very difficult to get her; but, once she comes into your life, she doesn't leave you. This is in contrast to her sister, Lakshmi, who is whimsical, and faithless, coming when least expected and leaving without notice. Lakshmi, Goddess of wealth and fortune, is visualised as seated on a lotus flower. She also holds lotus flowers in one hand and, in the other, a pot, overflowing with grain and gold. When one dies, one leaves one's wealth behind, but not one's knowledge. All we can leave behind is a bunch of information, recorded in texts.

The Goddess Lakshmi is considered the consort of Vishnu. The Goddess Saraswati is considered the consort of Brahma. These ideas emerged in Puranic times. They bring a sense of symmetry, by seeing each God having a Goddess. But, Saraswati is more often than not visualised independently. Lakshmi, on the other hand, is associated with many Gods: Asuras, Yakshas, Nagas, Indra, Ganesha and Vishnu. In early Gupta art, both Saraswati and Lakshmi were considered wives of Vishnu, but due to their quarrels, Vishnu gave Saraswati to Brahma, though some say she hid in Vishnu's mouth while Lakshmi sat at Vishnu's feet.

If business establishments are the temples of Lakshmi, then schools are the temples of Saraswati. But, increasingly, schools are focussing only on vocational training, on skills, not on music and art and literature, nor on spiritual knowledge, all of which constitutes Saraswati. Her goose is the symbol of critical thinking and discernment. Likewise, businesses are trained to chase Lakshmi as Indra does, rather than attract Lakshmi as Vishnu does. Indra does not share his fortune while Vishnu is Achyuta, one whose glory never gets depleted as he keeps investing in others. These are nuanced understanding of the Gods that we as Indians seem to have forgotten.

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Club 158's service during lockdown

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of Flamin 40, Club 158 was held at Hotel High Park in city on Aug. 23. 41er Balaji Shetty took over as Club Chairman for the year 2020-21. Seen are (from left) 41er D. Mahesh Kumar - Immediate Past Chairman, 41er K.B. Arun - Area 3 Chairman, 41er Balaji Shetty - Chairman, 41er N. Ramesh - Secretary and 41er Ramesh Bopiah- Fellowship Convener.

Mysuru, Aug. 27- Flamin 40, Club 158 is a member Club of Association of 41 Clubs of India. There are 3,071 members in 223 active Clubs in India and there are more than 35,000 members in 41 international in 28 countries.

41 Clubs of India is an international organisation with highly empowered group of individuals who are helping to build a better India.

To wage a war against COVID-19, Club 158 joined with Youth for Seva and Diya Foundation to distribute around 1 lakh reusable masks to the needy all over Mysuru.

Flamin 40 along with family organisations like Round Table India and Ladies Circle of India distributed around 45,000 cooked meals to the poor, senior citizens, migrant workers and slum-dwellers during lockdown.

The Club also donated one COVID-19 Swab Collection Booth to K. R. Hospital and hot-cold water bottles to Asha Kiran Hospital, according to a press release from D. Mahesh Kumar IPC (2020 -21), Club 158.

Lions Siri and Spandana installed

Mysuru, Aug. 27- The installation ceremony of Lions Club of Mysore (LCM) Siri and LCM Spandana was held at a private hotel in city recently.

Immediate PDG Ln. Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy installed the teams. PDG Ln. Deviprasad, 2nd VDG Ln. Sreevidhya, DC-PST Vision Project Ln. Mohan, District LCIF Ln. Dharmaraj, ZC Ln. M.N. Siri Balu, LCM Siri's President Ln. Shobha Siribalu, LCM Spandana's President Ln. Prakash, both Clubs PSTs and all Members, VVST and Gym Association Members, other Club's PSTs and Members, District RCs, ZCs and DCs were present. Ln. Siri Balu received International Certificate from Dr. Bairy.

On the occasion, Drinking Water Tank (Rs.10,000) was donated to Ganesha Temple, KHB Colony, Hootagalli and Rs.8,000 was donated to ZEE TV dance artistes.

Virtual installation of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown team

The new team of office-bearers of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown was installed virtually. The Golden Jubilee District Chairman Anuradha Nandakumar installed the new President Rashmi Preetham. The rest of the team symbolically pinned the lapel pins in the safety of their homes and uploaded their photos. The new team — *(seated from left)* ***Shama Milton - Secretary, Rashmi Preetham - President, Sheela Urs - Imm. Past President;*** *(standing from left)* ***Asha Mahesh - Vice-President, Revathi Baliga - Joint Secretary, Bhargavi Sangle - Treasurer, Chandrika Raghu - ISO, Sheela Gopal - Editor, Ashwini Raghavendra - HOPE Coordinator, Amitha Harish - CCC Chairman, Sowmya Ravikumar, Vimala Nagaraj, Sabha Muveen Suryani and Sandya Suresh - all EC Members.***

Week-long Faculty Development Programme held

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (KS)- The Department of Polymer Science and Technology, JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru, had organised a week-long TEQIP-III sponsored online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Advanced or Smart Processing Technology' at its premises recently.

The FDP was inaugurated virtually by former SJCE Principal Dr. T.N. Nagabhushan. Professor and Head, Dean (Science) at JSS STU Dr. Siddaramaiah and Associate Professor Dr. S.H. Kameshwari Devi were the co-ordinators. About 378 participants from diverse backgrounds such as Material Science, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering, Polymer, Environmental and Industrial Production Engineering took part in the FDP.

Valedictory of the FDP was held on Aug. 14. JSS STU VC Dr. L. Jawahar Nesan presided. President of Yudo Hot Runner India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai - Vishal Agarwal, SJCE Principal Dr. S.B. Kivade and TEQIP-III Nodal Officer Dr. Manij Kumar were present.

Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Seva Award conferred

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (RKB&SD)- Marking 105th Jayanti celebrations of Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, Mysuru Sharana Mandali had organised Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Seva Award presentation ceremony at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Tuesday.

MLC A.H. Vishwanath conferred awards on editor of Suttur Sri Shivarathreeshwara Panchanga Siddhanti K.G. Puttahonnaiah, recipient of Rashtrapathi Seva Award ASP Arun Nagegowda, District President of Government Employees Association H.K. Ramu and President of Mysuru District Journalists Association C.K. Mahendra.

Speaking after conferring awards, Vishwanath lauded the efforts of Suttur Swamiji for his endeavour and tireless efforts towards betterment of the society by providing food, education and health care to thousands of people in the region.

Fondly remembering his college days in JSS institution, he stated that, five decades ago itself, JSS colleges had a separate Department for Kannada and Culture because of which he later became a Minister of Kannada and Culture.

Former MLA Vasu presided over the programme. Retired Professor D.S. Sadashivamurthy, President of Mysuru Sharana Mandali Muguru Nanjundaswamy, General Secretary M. Chandrashekhar and others were present.

Kannada works invited for Sahitya Academy Award-2019

Bengaluru, Aug. 27 (DM)- Karnataka Sahitya Academy has invited entries from authors of Kannada Books for the Best Book Prize for the year 2019 to be awarded by the Academy.

The book can be in any form including prose, poetry, science, small stories, literature, novels, child literature and the like. The books must be first published in 2019. The entries must be sent along with four copies of the published books to the Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, Second Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-02, either by Registered Post or Courier before Sept. 30, according a to a press release from Academy Registrar N. Kariyappa.

'Install statue of Devaraj Urs in a major circle of Mysuru'

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (YDS&SD)- Members of Karnataka Rajya Dalita Sangharsha Samiti - Buddhavada have urged the District Administration to erect statue of D. Devaraj Urs in a major circle in Mysuru city.

Speaking at an awareness programme organised by the district unit of the Samiti at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here on Tuesday to celebrate 105th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, Samiti State Convenor Ningaraj Malladi remembered the contributions of Devaraj Urs for the welfare of Backward Classes and farmers in particular and the State in general.

Dalita Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) senior leader Harihara Anandaswamy inaugurated the programme. Member of Jilla Safai Karamchari Jagriti Samiti K. Nanjappa Basavanagudi, member of Jilla Parishishta Jati mattu Pangadagala Jagriti Samiti H.B. Divakar, DSS District Convenor Devendra K.M. Wadi and others were present.

Participants later held a meeting and came to a decision to urge the State Government to implement various recommendations mentioned in the Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission Report.

Memories of Mukesh

Remembering the legendary singer Mukesh on his 44th death anniversary — 27.8.1976

By Dr. M.S. Natashekar

Mukesh

Mukesh Chand Mathur, popularly known as Mukesh, was a great fan of singer K.L. Saigal. "Dil Jalta Hai Toh Jalne De" from film 'Pehli Nazar' released in 1945, was his 1st superhit song. When K.L. Saigal heard this song, he expressed "I don't remember having sung this song". Such was the striking similarity of Mukesh's voice to that of K.L. Saigal.

The earlier songs of Mukesh were sung in Saigal's style. It was music director Naushad, who was instrumental in moulding Mukesh to develop his own style of singing which remained till the end. Mukesh wanted to become an actor (acted in a few films), but destiny made him a singer. "Great singers are born, not made," holds good to Mukesh.

The combination of actor Raj Kapoor, lyricists Shailendra and Hasrat Jaipuri, music directors Shankar and Jaikishan, brought out unforgettable songs from "Kisi ki muskurahaton pe," till "Jaane kahan gaye who din," which made the singer the voice of Raj Kapoor.

In his 30 years of singing career, Mukesh has rendered his voice to all heroes of yesteryears. Even though the total number of songs sung by Mukesh is approx 1,000, almost all songs became superhits, not to forget his last song "Chanchal sheetal nirmal komal," recorded for film 'Satyam shivam sundaram,' picturised on Shashi Kapoor. Even today Russians sing "Awarahoon" and "Mera jootah ai Japani."

"Dard" in his voice made the songs soulful. Mukesh and melancholy were synonymous. The vast majority of songs by Mukesh were in blue moods, touching the hearts of connoisseurs of music. Mukesh has come out with variety of songs like Jovial song "Dum dum diga diga" from film 'Chaliya,' Romantic song "Chandansabadan" from film 'Saraswati Chandra,' Patriotic song "Hotonpe sacchai rehti hai" from film 'Jis desh mein ganga behti hai' and many more. Even though, there were established singers like Md. Rafi, Hemanth Kumar, Manna Dey and Talat Mehmood, Mukesh made his niche in 50s and 60s.

Mysureans were fortunate to witness Mukesh's live performance in mid November 1972, organised at J.K. Grounds. I had joined Mysore Medical College just then and being an ardent fan of Mukesh, occupied the front seat with great joy. Amongst the several nominations and awards he won, his song "Kayi baar yunhi dekha hai" won him the 'National Filmfare Award' for best playback singer in 1974 for film 'Rajneegandha.' His singing career was not a bed of roses, and hence at one particular time, this sentence came from his mouth — "Music is a great passion, but a painful profession."

Regarding the duets, Mukesh has sung maximum number of songs with Lata Mangeshkar, the superhits being "O mere sanam" from the film 'Sangam', "Sawan ka maheena" from 'Milan', "Ek pyaar ka nagma" from 'Shor'; and the list goes endless. Other singers like Asha Bhosle, Suman Kalyanpur, Geetha Dutt, Sharda, Kishore and Rafi, also have sung duets with the legend.

Tragedy struck, fate took an ugly turn and snatched the life of a promising singer, leaving a big lacuna in Hindi Film Industry. Mukesh collapsed and left this world, due to a massive heart-attack, during a concert on 27th August 1976 in Detroit, Michigan, USA. The vocal-cords of the legend stopped vibrating permanently. When Raj Kapoor received the bad news, he lamented, "I have lost my voice, I'm just flesh and bones, Mukesh was my soul."

Nation lost a great voice and definitely 53 years of age, is not an age to die. With this, we can hum the dulcet notes of "O janewale, ho sake toh lautke aana."

*[**About the author:** A senior ENT Surgeon and one of the main singers of 'Geeth Gaatha Chal' musical event in city, Dr. M.S. Natashekar has organised musical nites in memory of Legendary Singer Mukesh, Melody King of the South Dr. P.B. Srinivas, Indian Charlie Chaplin Raj Kapoor and many more. He has also shared stage with Dr. S. Janaki, the Nightingale of South India.]*

WORD OF THE DAY

Subterfuge

Pronunciation: SUB-ter-fyooj.
Meaning: Deception by artifice or stratagem in order to conceal, escape, or evade; a deceptive device or stratagem.
Origin: Though subterfuge is a synonym of deception, fraud, double-dealing, and trickery, there's nothing tricky about the word's etymology. We borrowed the word and meaning from Late Latin subterfugium. That word contains the Latin prefix subter-, meaning "secretly," which derives from the adverb subter, meaning "underneath." The -fuge portion comes from the Latin verb fugere, which means "to flee" and which is also the source of words such as fugitive and refuge, among others.
Example: "First, an antivirus product may upload the complete text of files flagged to the cloud, where it can be analyzed by separate tools.... Some malware can detect when a running process may examine it, and will then engage in subterfuge." — Macworld

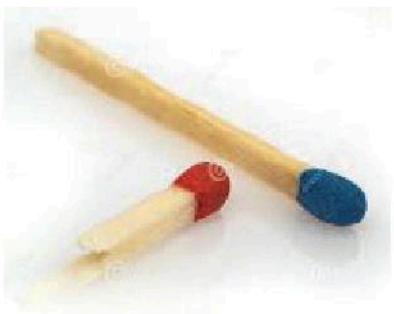
THE ODD WORD

Sagathy

Light blend of silk and cotton or wool.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Short end of the stick



Meaning: Getting the bad end of a deal or receiving the least desirable outcome from something.
Origin: This saying has existed since at least the 1500s, but it was said a bit differently back then. During those times, this expression was said as 'the worst end of the staff.' Despite the different wording from the modern version, from what I can tell, it's meaning was still similar. This older version appeared in Nicolas Udall's translation of Apophthegmes, that is to saie, prompte, quicke, wittie and sentencious saiynges, 1542: "Which as often as thei see theim selfes to haue the worse ende of the staffe in their cause."
The transition from the word 'staff' to 'stick' happened as early as the mid-16th century according to the writings of John Heywood. He lived during those times and he was a writer and collector of proverbs. He wrote a book called The Proverbs, Epigrams, and Miscellanies of John Heywood in 1562, and in it he explains:
"Staff, 'the worse end of the staff', we now say 'wrong end of the stick.'

QUOTE BOX

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.

—Josh Billings

RIDDLE THIS

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Answer : Footsteps.

SUDOKU

			5	2		1		
	1	7					3	8
			3				9	
	8					9		4
4								1
9		6					7	
	4				5			
6	7					8	4	
		8		3	4			

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	5	2	4	3	9	7	1
9	1	4	6	7	8	5	3	2
3	7	2	5	9	1	4	6	8
6	2	8	1	3	9	7	4	5
4	5	3	8	6	7	2	1	9
7	9	1	4	5	2	6	8	3
2	3	9	7	8	6	1	5	4
1	4	6	3	2	5	8	9	7
5	8	7	9	1	4	3	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

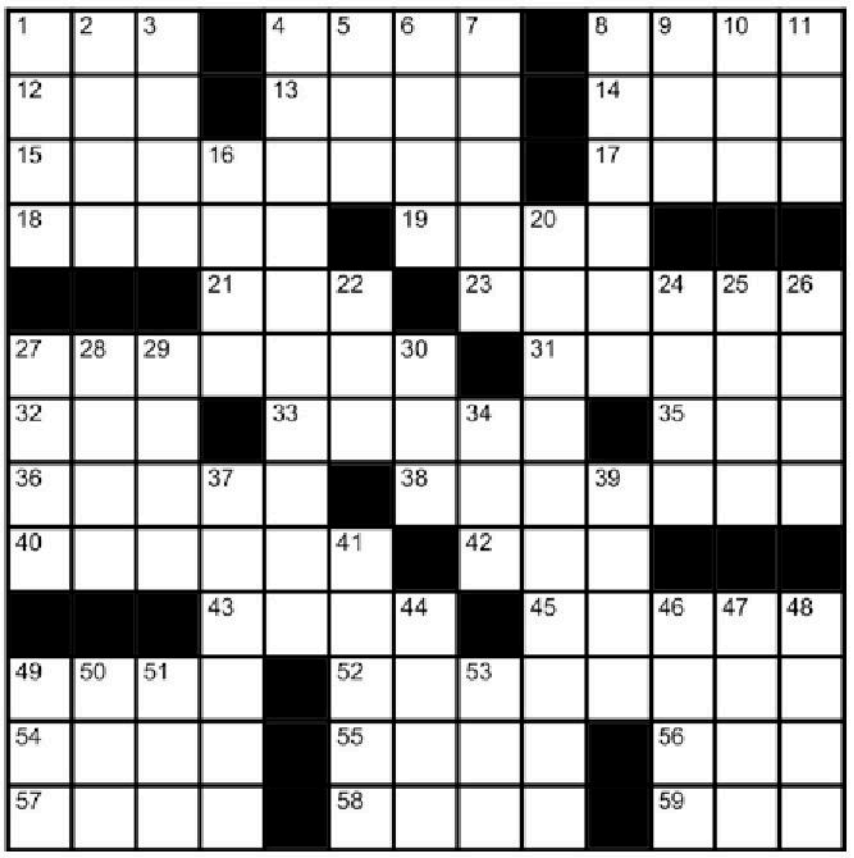
1 Hum and ____ : hesitate ?
4 At the drop of __ ___ : almost instantaneously ? (1,3)
8 Log float
12 Actress Thurman
13 Hungarian sheepdog
14 One-named Irish singer
15 Deteriorate or become poorer (3,5)
17 Fish appendages
18 Readily available (2,3)
19 Approximately (2,2)
21 Camera type
23 Waited on
27 Part of a missile
31 Pottery from Japan
32 Large monkey
33 Cooks
35 Suffix with expert
36 Map part
38 Binds
40 Baltic country
42 British actress Wanamaker
43 Behaves
45 S American mammal
49 Movemenr of air
52 An agent that stops bleeding
54 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
55 Designer Cassini
56 Tenth month, in short
57 Seizes suddenly
58 Do in
59 __ pusher : a clerical worker ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	A	S	■	D	A	W	N	■	G	B	S
S	U	L	K	■	A	L	I	A	■	E	E	L
T	R	O	U	B	L	E	S	O	M	E	L	Y
I	R	E	N	E	■	S	E	M	I	■	■	■
■	■	■	K	G	B	■	■	I	M	P	E	L
■	E	N	S	U	R	E	S	■	E	L	M	S
F	R	O	■	M	O	T	I	F	■	I	I	I
E	G	E	R	■	W	E	L	L	S	E	T	■
B	O	S	U	N	■	■	L	O	M	■	■	■
■	■	■	B	O	W	L	■	R	I	F	T	S
I	N	T	E	R	R	O	G	A	T	I	O	N
P	O	E	■	M	A	L	I	■	E	L	L	A
O	D	A	■	S	P	A	S	■	S	M	U	G

DOWN

1 Sci-fi/fantasy award
2 Conclusion of a prayer
3 Unit of power
4 In a towering rage
5 Ben ___ : Oscar winning movie ?
6 As well, and
7 Rows
8 Amend, make better
9 Black bird
10 Island of Denmark
11 Tata Administrative Services, acronym
16 Cleanse
20 Study of earthquakes
22 Cheer
24 Useless
25 Formerly, once
26 Passes away
27 Cry out in sorrow
28 ___ Sahakari Bank Ltd.
29 Residue
30 Nov. follower
34 Turkish cap
37 Dodges
39 Slippery fish
41 First musketeer
44 Order to a broker
46 Over or above
47 Clublike weapon
48 Memo starter
49 Triumph, be successful
50 Cretan mountain
51 The peak of a cap
53 __ culpa : an admission of guilt



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GYFIF ZB BLHFGYZXQ GYJG ZB HSTY HLIF BTJITF, BLHFGYZXQ IJIFI

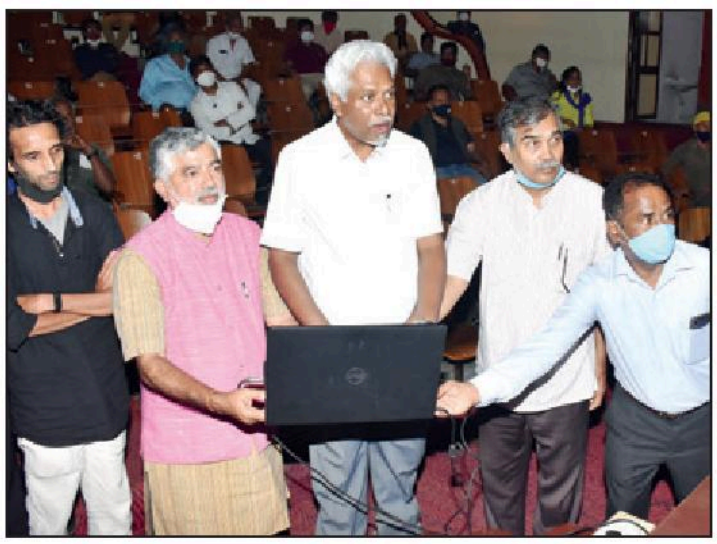
GYJX JEZVZGN. ZG ZB GYF JEZVZGN GL IFTLQXZUF JEZVZGN.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong.

Digital theatre series of *Kusumabaale* launched

20-minute episode available on Rangayana website, YouTube and Facebook at 6.30 pm from today



Former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah launching digital theatre series of "Kusumabaale" at Rangayana premises yesterday. Picture right shows former Rangayana Director B.V. Rajaram unveiling "Kusumabaale" canvas on the occasion. Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa and Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy are also seen.

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (MK&SSV)- Former Director of Rangayana C. Basavalingaiah formally launched digital theatre series of "Kusumabaale," a famous novel of Devanur Mahadeva at Rangayana last evening. This drama was directed by Basavalingaiah 26 years ago and staged in Rangayana. Now it has been brought out in digital form.

Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated the repertory for this unique experiment and wanted it to try out similar activities in the coming months to attract more people towards theatre. Rangayana has carved a niche in theatre activity in the entire country. It was a feat to watch it in digital format. The artistes could use the collar mike for clear voice and close-up shot of artistes could be shown while shooting for the coming projects.

On this occasion, senior theatre personality, B.V. Rajaram unveiled the canvas specially prepared for "Kusumabaale" by Dwarakanath. He stressed the need for establishing a theatre exhibition to record the footprints of this repertory for next generation. Non-documentation of record has hampered research by interested researchers. Old dramas staged in Rangayana must be brought out in digital form, he added.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa explained reasons for launching the digital series. Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy said the 20-minute nine-episode series will be available on Rangayana website *(www.rangayana.org)*, YouTube and Facebook at 6.30 pm daily.

A scene from the play "Kusumabaale."

Project on *Kindarajogi*, *Parva* underway

Mysuru, Aug. 27 (SVV)- After successful launching of digital theatre series with "Kusumabaale", Rangayana is all set to undertake a similar experimentation with "Kindarajogi", a popular drama with over 30-year popularity that gave a new direction to the repertory and "Parva", a famous novel by well-known Kannada novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa said with COVID-19 gripping the entire world, all activities including theatre, have come to a standstill. People are forced to stay away from the repertory in the wake of spike in Corona cases.

In fact, Rangayana, that used to be abuzz with theatre activities the whole year, has now been without any activity since March owing to COVID-19. With a view to keep this institute busy, an idea struck to make the digital theatre series of popular dramas staged in this repertory by using artistes, he said adding they chose "Kusumabaale", a popular novel by noted Kannada litterateur Devanur Mahadeva because of its huge success and acceptance among theatre-lovers.

He said three cameras have been used to record the new experiment of "Vachikabhinaya" (reading dialogues) by the artistes in their neutral costume. They would sit and read from the book and do action with their hands as necessitated by the character. As many as 16 artistes have taken part in this exercise. The background music has been scored by Rangayana artistes. In total, there are nine episodes and the entire series have been shot by strictly following the guidelines like social distancing, wearing masks and sanitisation.

Theatre month

Cariappa said it has been decided to make September month as theatre active month by launching various activities. Training for amateur artistes and students will be held next month. Already, the artistes are busy in rehearsal for "Vachikabhinaya" of "Parva" and "Kindarajogi." The repertory has picked "Hippolytus," an ancient Greek tragedy play by Euripides. Besides, all the popular songs of the first Director of Rangayana, B.V. Karanth will also be brought in "Vachikabhinaya" form. This work was necessary since the repertory did not have documentary of its activities since its inception nearly three decades ago.

Puttanna Kanagal's ancestral house in a dilapidated state

Periyapatna, Aug. 27 (Veeresh &BCT)- Puttanna Kanagal may be an iconic filmmaker, known for films like 'Kappu Bilupu', 'Gejje Pooje', 'Sharapanjara', 'Naagarahaavu', 'Shubamangala' and 'Ranganayaki' to name a few, all of which are considered classics today. But the ancestral house where he was born and grew up at Kanagal village near Bettadapura in Periyapatna is in a dilapidated state.

Puttanna Kanagal's films were not only appreciated by the critics but also by the audience. History shows that almost all his films ran for at least 100 days in theatres across the State. His movie 'Naagarahaavu' was the debut of the late actor Dr. Vishnuvardhan, who went on to become a super star. The film also made actor Aarathi a household name.

A group of villagers have demanded immediate intervention from the Government. They have stated that the house of the late director must be renovated, restored and be converted into a museum. Also, a statue of Puttanna Kanagal must be established at Kanagal. The Government must adopt the village and develop it as a model village, they stated.

It may be recalled here that in 2017, ancestral house was burgled and miscreants had stolen a few important books and rare bronze vessels which were said to be prized possessions of Kanagal.

Before the burglary, the house has been renovated at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh with an intention to convert it into a Memorial with assistance from village leaders. The miscreants had broken the front door and also dug a tunnel to gain entry and made away with the articles which were being used by late Kanagal.

|| Jai Guru Nana, Jai Guru Ram ||

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